***The Things They Carried***

**A re-occurring theme throughout the book is expressed by the title. What do the characters carry aside from physical objects?**

**If you had to list things you carry throughout your life, what would they be? Put some that are both tangible and intangible. 1 paragraph.**

**Is the book told in first person or third person? How does this affect the seeming reliability of the narrative?**

**What type of person is Lt. Cross? What details tell us this?**

**What happens to Lavender when he dies? What does this show about the men?**

**Compare the two deaths, Lavender and Billy Boy, how are they similar and different? How do they affect the other men? 1 paragraph*.***

**What do you think happens when Cross returns home, does he look up Martha, or do you believe she is just a wartime distraction, similar to the campfire for Private First Class Paul Berlin? 1 paragraph**

**If the point of war stories is “truth,” based on both excerpts we read, what is the author’s truth? 1 paragraph.**